

# Family Financial Counseling

## Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

The Family Financial Counseling program provides students with the knowledge and skills to positively impact economic and financial decision making of individuals and families. The course work in personal finance and financial counseling provides students with a broad skill-set to assist consumers in making sound financial decisions and ultimately improving overall family economic well-being and financial security.

Students will receive training that will allow for them to pursue careers in local government agencies such as the housing authority; state agencies such as health and human services; and federal agencies such as the Social Security Administration. For students who choose to pursue the AFC (Accredited Financial Counselor) certification option, careers are available as financial counselors in credit counseling agencies and non-profits. Additionally, program graduates will have a clear understanding of consumer issues and personal finance. This educational background will result in individuals capable of making healthy and informed family and personal financial decisions leading to responsible consumerism and financial independence for themselves and their families.

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Family Financial Counseling, the student must have a minimum of 120 credit hours with at least a **2.0** cumulative grade-point average. A minimum of 45 credit hours must be from upper division courses (300 level and above). Remedial courses may not be counted toward the total hours required for the degree. A grade of C or higher must be earned in the following courses: FAM 350 / FFC 350, FFC 351, FFC 352, FFC 402, and FFC 403. In addition to the UK Core requirements, students must complete college, departmental and professional support requirements.

### UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the 2023-24 Undergraduate Catalog for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

#### I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology  
or  
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology..... 3-4

#### IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

#### V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I .....3

#### VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II .....3

#### VII. Quantitative Foundations

Any approved Quantitative Foundations course with a math (MA) prefix .....3

#### VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:  
An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning  
or  
STA 296 Statistical Methods and Motivations.....3

#### IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

AFE 100 Issues in Agriculture, Food and Environment.....3

#### X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list.....3

**UK Core hours ..... 30-31**

#### Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

FAM/FFC 360 Introduction to Family Intervention .....3

FAM/FFC 390 Introduction to Research Methods .....3

FFC 402 Theories and Applications in Consumer Economics .....3

#### Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR) ..... 9

#### Premajor Requirements

**Hours**

Students must have a C or higher in ECO 201 to enroll in the core classes.

ACC 200 Introduction to Accounting for Decision Makers

or

ACC 221 Accounting Fundamentals .....3

ECO 201 Principles of Economics I.....3

ECO 202 Principles of Economics II.....3

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology.....4

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

or

SOC 235 Inequalities in Society.....3

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:

An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning

or

STA 296 Statistical Methods and Motivations.....3

**Premajor Requirement hours ..... 19**

#### Program Core

**Hours**

Students must receive a grade of C or better in the following courses: FAM 350 or FFC 350, FFC 351, FFC 352, FFC 402, and FFC 403.

FAM/FFC 251 Personal and Family Finance .....3

FAM/FFC 350 Consumer Economics and Issues .....3

FFC 351 Advanced Personal and Family Finance I.....3

FFC 352 Advanced Personal and Family Finance II .....3

FAM/FFC 360 Introduction to Family Intervention .....3

FAM/FFC 390 Introduction to Research Methods .....3

FFC 402 Theories and Applications in Consumer Economics .....3

FFC 403 Family Financial Counseling .....3

FFC 496 Accredited Financial Counselor Review Course .....3

FFC 498 Internship in Consumer Economics and Personal Finance.....3

FFC 499 Advanced Internship in Consumer Economics and Personal Finance.....6

**Program Core hours ..... 36**

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## Professional Support

Students will choose, in consultation with an advisor, at least 18 hours of courses at the 200 level or above in an area of interest to strengthen their degree program. To aid in developing this area of study, students may want to consider courses from the following fields of study: accounting, agricultural economics, business, communications, community and leadership development, economics, family sciences, finance, management, marketing, psychology, social work, and sociology. Additional areas may be considered in consultation with an advisor.

**Professional Support hours** ..... 18

## Electives

Electives should be chosen to complete the 120 hours required for graduation.

**Minimum Elective hours** ..... 17

**TOTAL HOURS:** ..... 120